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Please add the following new paragraphs after paragraph [0029]:

[0029.1] FIG. 8 is a plan view of an intermediate form of the carton assembled from the carton blank of FIG. 5;

[0029.2] FIG. 9 is a plan view of an intermediate form of the carton assembled from the carton blank of FIG. 5 after the form shown in FIG. 8;

a<sup>1</sup> [0029.3] FIG. 10 is a plan view of an intermediate form of the carton assembled from the carton blank of FIG. 5 after the form shown in FIG. 9; and

[0029.4] FIG. 11 is a perspective view of an intermediate form of the carton assembled from the carton blank of FIG. 5 after the form shown in FIG. 10.

Please replace paragraphs [0046], [0047] and [0049] with the following amended paragraphs:

a<sup>2</sup> [0046] The carton blank 4 can be assembled into the carton 2 using assembly steps resulting in intermediate forms, such as those illustrated in FIGS. 8-11. The blank 4 is assembled into the carton 2 from the planar arrangement, illustrated in FIG. 5, by first partially assembling the blank 4 into a collapsed state. In the collapsed carton state, the bottom portion 16 is folded against and attached to the bottom portion of the interior of the front panel 40, thereby placing the inner door panel 10 adjacent and coplanar with the outer door panel 20, as shown by the arrow in FIG. 8. The inner door panel 10 is attached to the interior of the outer door panel 20 with adhesive, and the panels 10 and 20 are positioned such that their respective hinges 12 and 22 are aligned.

[0047] At this point, the door side panels 30 are overlaying the first major front panels 44. The second major front panels 46 are then each folded along their connections to the first major front panels 44, as shown by the arrows in FIG. 9.

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concept thereby forming the protective region 36 therebetween and trapping the door side panels 30 therein. The first and second major front panels 44 and 46 may be adhered together; however, care is taken to ensure that the protective region 36 remains defined therebetween and free from adhesive to permit the free sliding the door side panels 30 therein. In a preferred aspect of the invention, adhesive is applied in three strips perpendicular to the longitudinal length of the first and second front major panels 44 and 46, the strips generally being at opposite ends thereof and in the midsection.

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a<sup>3</sup> [0049] After the attachment of the flap 74 to the bottom portion 16, the partially assembled carton is in its collapsed state, wherein the panels are all substantially coplanar with each other, as shown in FIG. 10. Conversion from the collapsed state to a partially assembled but erect state occurs by urging against the top and bottom panels 80 and 70. Specifically, a force directed against the fold between the front and top panels 40 and 80, and against the fold between the back and bottom panels 50 and 70, as shown by the arrows in FIG. 10, will cause movement to the erect state. In the erect state, shown in FIGS. 11, the top and bottom panels 80 and 70 are generally perpendicularly oriented relative to the now spaced apart front and back panels 40 and 50. In the erect state, the attached front major panels 44 and 46 remain coplanar with the front panel 40, and the back major panels 54 remain coplanar with the back panel 50.

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